SPECIAL MENTIONS—Conld.

Repealed tremors iu Idukki district of Kerala

SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM (Kerala): Sir. the district of Idukki in Central Kerala had a series of tremors recently and lakhs of people living in thickly populated areas like Kattar, Ns-dumkandam, Mundiyeruma, Thookktipy-lam etc. are panic-stricken. Apart from the safety of the people living in these areas the Idukki hydra-electric dam, one of the biggest in Asia, is also in danger.

The first tremor this year started at 8.36 a.m. on June 7 and this was followed by a series of tremors and landslides. Many houses and government buildings got their walls broken because
se tremors. The panic-strick lagers left their houses and spent several nights in the fields a ad that too in pouring rain. Idukki district was experiencing tlies.- earthquakes for the last, several years. Between 1974 and 1976 as many as 1052 tremors were recorded and between May 1978 and June 1981 another tremors occurred. What is alarming is that the magnitude of these tremors has been increasing over the years.

These tremors have mada the dam very vulnerable and if anything goes wrong the entire population upto Cochin wiil be wiped out. In this connection, I would like to remind the House that the Vaicit Dam tragedy in Itali on October 9, 1963, occurred clue to similar causes. The huge wave of water which overflowed claimed over two thousand lives and erased the town of Longorone. Since the Idukki district is much more thickly populated, the consequences will be severe.

Nobody knows the real cause of these frequent tremors in Idukki district. According to some, these tremors are common after the construction of dam and occur when the reservoir Is full. A few scientists who conducted an inquiry haw not been able to pinpoint the reason due to inadequate data available to them. The National Geophysical Research Institute at Hyderabad ha*> ***mg?Mttd*** memi-toring of the area for a period of three months, but so far the State Government has not lent them any support. I, therefore, request the honourable Minister to come to tho help of the people at Kerala and find out the causes for mo repeated tremors. . . . *(liucrrupHons)* . . . A monitoring centre may be set up h mediately to collect proper data, it nrvy also be looked into whether any steps can be taken to put a stop to these tremors. Thank you.

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री आनन्द शर्मा) : श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा जी, अब आप अपना स्पेशल मेंशन कीजिए ।

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदय, अब काफी समय हो गया है, यदि स्पेशल मेंशंस कल के लिए जाएं तो ठीक रहेगा ।

THE MINISTER OF STATE itf THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AF. FAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): If Chairman agrees for Monday, I have no objection.

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : सभी लोग चाहते हैं । आप इजाजत दे दें तो अगले दिन हो जाएंगे ।

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री आनन्द शर्मा) दूसरे सदस्य बैठे हुए हैं, वे आज ही बोलना चाहते हैं । अगले दिन तो आपको इजाजत लेनी पड़ेगी ।

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Ask for the rules. If this Speçial Mention lapses today, you will have to seek permission again.

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : अगले दिन कर लेंगे ।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI AN AND SHARMA): There are other Members also and they want Co proceed with their Special Mentions. They have indicated so.

आपको इसके लिए अगले दिन फिर नोटिस देना पड़ेगा ।